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November 29, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AWARD OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IN THE CITY OF LAWDALE,
AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EL CAMINO VILLAGE
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute contracts for work throughout the County of Los Angeles, City of Lawndale, and in the unincorporated community of El Camino Village.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. OSD0000017 – Traffic Signal Inductive Loop Detectors, 2011 14, to install and replace traffic signal inductive loop detectors throughout the County of Los Angeles on an as needed basis for a 3-year period to Smithson Electric, Inc., a corporation, in the amount of \$722,450.
- Project ID No. RDC0013698 – Crenshaw Boulevard – 45 feet south of Rosecrans Avenue to Redondo Beach Boulevard, et al., to reconstruct and resurface roadway, in the City of Lawndale and in the unincorporated community of El Camino Village, to Bannaoun Engineers Constructors Corporation, in the amount of \$2,010,326.70.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from your Board to award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

On August 30, 2011, and May 27, 2011, Agenda Items 31 and 46, respectively, your Board approved the projects, adopted the plans and specifications, called for bids to be received on September 27, 2011, and June 24, 2011, and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the projects.

The project description, call for bids and bid opening dates, tabulation of bids, and financial information are included in the enclosure for each respective project. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board directed and approved Department of Public Works (Public Works) projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. OSD0000017 are included in the Fiscal year 2011-12 Road Fund and Proposition C Local Return Fund Bugets.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0013698 are included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Proposition C Local Return Fund and Road Fund Budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

The award of the contracts will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and

will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

AWARD OF CONTRACT
November 29, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. OSD0000017 – Traffic Signal Inductive Loop Detectors, 2011-2014,
(throughout the County of Los Angeles), All Supervisorial Districts

TYPE OF WORK: Installation and replacement of traffic signal inductive loop detectors throughout the County of Los Angeles on an as-needed basis for a three-year period.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: August 30, 2011 (Agenda Item 31)

BID OPENING DATE: September 27, 2011

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Smithson Electric, Inc., a corporation 1938 East Katella Avenue Orange, California 92867 (714) 997-9556	\$ 722,450.00
2	Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc.	\$ 814,625.00
3	*JFL Electric, Inc.	\$1,245,430.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 946,500.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 722,450.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 224,050.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 24 percent below the estimate.

This project will be carried out over a 3-year period commencing in Fiscal Year 2011-12. Financing of \$280,000 for the first year is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget for \$180,000, and Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for \$100,000. Financing for future years will be requested through each years' annual budget process. When the need arises for services under this contract, financing for the required services will be made from the appropriate fund. Total expenditures for this service; however, will not exceed the contract amount approved by your Board.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Smithson Electric, Inc., a corporation, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On August 30, 2011, Agenda 31, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

This project is to be done on an as-needed basis for a three-year period.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
November 29, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013698 – Crenshaw Boulevard – 45 feet south of Rosecrans Avenue to Redondo Beach Boulevard, et al. (in the City of Lawndale and in the unincorporated community of El Camino Village), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Roadway reconstruction and resurfacing.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 17, 2011, (Agenda Item 46)

BID OPENING DATE: June 14, 2011

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Bannaoun Engineers Constructors Corporation 9614 Cozycroft Avenue Chatsworth, California 91311 (818) 775-0040	\$2,010,326.70
2	Hardy & Harper, Inc.	\$2,066,000.00
3	All American Asphalt	\$2,078,000.00
4	Shawnan	\$2,101,580.72
5	W. A. Rasic Construction Company Inc.	\$2,106,200.00
6	Excel Paving Company	\$2,124,377.50
7	*Toro Enterprises, Inc.	\$2,161,364.55
8	Sully- Miller Contracting Company	\$2,165,533.00
9	Sequel Contractors Inc.	\$2,263,537.45
10	C. A. Rasmussen, Inc.	\$2,357,121.55

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$2,127,489.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$2,010,326.70
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 117,162.30

The amount of the recommended contract is 5.5 percent below the estimate.

A portion of this project is in the City of Lawndale (City). A County-City Cooperative Agreement provides for the County of Los Angeles (County) to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project, with the City to finance its

jurisdictional share of the project cost less a County fixed contribution of Highway-Through-Cities funds in the amount of \$225,000. We have also received a Rubberized Asphalt Concrete grant in the amount of \$8,330 made available by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to be used toward the pavement work. This project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Proposition C Local Return Fund and Road Fund Budgets.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Bannaoun Engineers Constructors Corporation has two MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On March 29, 2011, Agenda Item 25, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 110 working days. It is estimated the work will start in January 2012 and be completed in July 2012.

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